



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Alexandre MARTI, Norbert LANGE, Matthieu
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR
SECOND MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM

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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed December 5, 2002, the Applicant hereby conditionally petitions for a second-month extension (a first month extension to and including April 5, 2003 was already obtained), in order to file a continuation application, thereby extending the term for response to and including **May 5, 2003**. A check in the amount of \$150 (\$205 less the \$55 previously paid), based on the Applicant's small entity status, is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

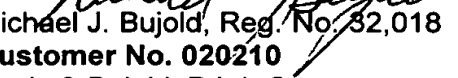
In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,

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